

# New Technologies for Learning Showcase

Activity Sheet: Web 2.0 Series

## Collect and organise online resources to reference and share with students and colleagues - del.icio.us



Del.icio.us, notice the funny web address, there is no '.com' suffix, the '.us' bit stands for United States, when you put 'del.icio' + '.us' together you get the web address <http://del.icio.us>, clever? It's an invaluable tool in education, for example to ...

- Manage share and bookmark your favourite websites and teaching resources as you browse the internet from any computer.
- Quickly pull together a course framework in minutes from a variety of internet resources
- Search on and view the websites your students are looking at around a chosen subject as part of a research assessment
- Form personal connections with your colleagues and students as part of a learning network...

This resource will take you through the basic steps to get you using <http://del.icio.us> in your teaching, enjoy...

### Follow up activity:

At the end of this activity, consider the following questions:

What did you learn by doing this activity?
How will you use this tool to enhance learning for your students?
Now, identify a specific learning activity to trial. When will you do this?
Who could you network with/show this to/share your trial with?

## Objectives:

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1. Register your <http://del.icio.us> account.
2. Bookmark and tags websites for your future professional development
3. Post and tag some of your favourite online resources.
4. Search for popular websites with keywords
5. Set up your network contacts.
6. Explore the possible use of <http://del.icio.us> in education

## Target audience

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- Beginners new to using online technologies in their teaching practice.

## 'How to' activities

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The following activities have been designed to assist you in gaining an overview of the ways you can use del.icio.us in teaching and learning.

### 1. Set up your account, add del.icious browser buttons

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Del.icio.us - Read this <http://del.icio.us/about/>.

Register a <http://del.icio.us> account and install del.icio.us buttons in you browser

- Launch your web browser and go to: <http://del.icio.us>
- Click '**Get started**' and complete the registration form
- Confirm email if available
- Login to del.icio.us
- Follow the instructions for installing del.icio.us buttons in your browser i.e. Internet Explorer, Firefox.. this should be automated as part of the registration process.

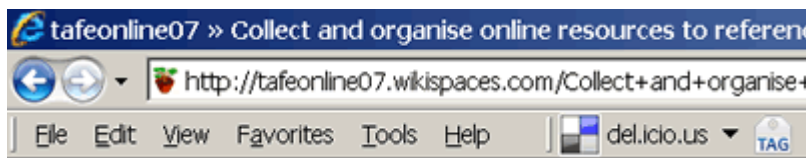
**Note: When you return to your personal computer and log onto del.icio.us you'll want to install the del.icio.us buttons on your browser right? Follow these instructions:**

- Click on del.icio.us '**Help**', look for '**install the tools for saving bookmarks**' click on the link for your browser of choice **follow instructions and install the buttons...**

### 2. Bookmark some websites.

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OK you now have two new buttons in your browser right?



Go to <http://flickr.com> then click on the **TAG** button on your browser menu. A pop up window appears. You going to bookmark this site for your students, first add some descriptive data for example:

**URL:** [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com)

**Description:** Flickr online photo sharing

**Notes:** You'll use this photosharing site to publish photos of your work and share with your class as part of your online portfolio of work. This will be used as part of your assessment.

**Tags:** photosharing flickr TAFE yourClassName07 unitRefNumber

Click '**Save**'.

## Resources

'A tag is simply a word you use to describe a bookmark. Unlike folders, you make up tags when you need them and you can use as many as you like. The result is a better way to organize your bookmarks and a great way to discover interesting things on the Web.'

Read the following links from the del.icio.us help

- <http://del.icio.us/help/tags>
- [http://del.icio.us/about/#What\\_is\\_social\\_bookmarking](http://del.icio.us/about/#What_is_social_bookmarking)
- <http://del.icio.us/help/saving>

## 3. View your bookmarks

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To view your bookmarked websites click the **del.icio.us square button** at the top of your browser.

Notice the link to <http://flickr.com> . Your colleagues and students can go to your personal web address <http://del.icio.us/yourusername> and access the websites of interest you've bookmarked. Can you see how this will be useful for collecting and sharing online resources?

## 4. Search on your bookmarks using TAGS

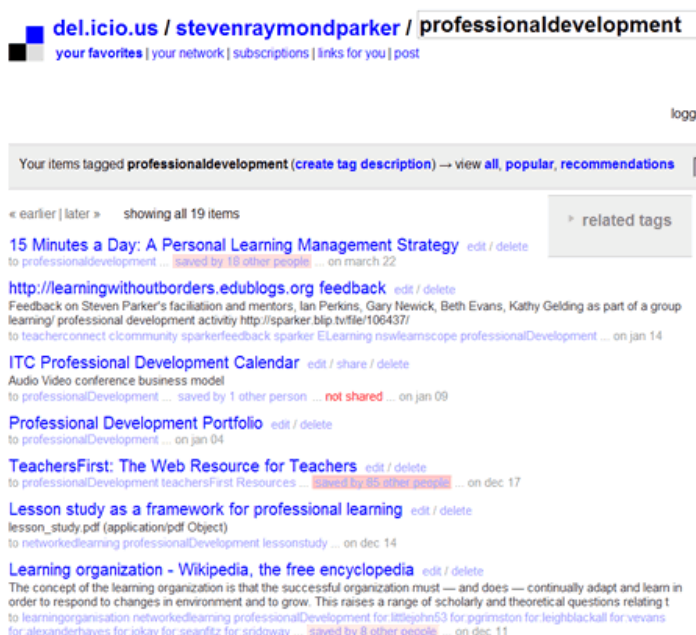
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As you bookmark more websites you'll need to be able to search on TAGS right?.

For example go to Steven Parker's del.icio.us account for elearning <http://del.icio.us/stevenraymondparker>, notice the 'empty box' on the right



Type in the TAG 'professionaldevelopment' and hit return.



Notice the web address is <http://del.icio.us/stevenraymondparker/professionaldevelopment> . Can you see how you can TAG a resource then provide the corresponding webaddress, Steven lists a series of resources with the TAG 'professionaldevelopment'.

Similarly as an educator you could provide students with a url with the TAG 'unitRefNumber' i.e. '<http://del.icio.us/yourusername/unitRefNumber>', this would pull together a dynamic list of resources for your course.

How else could you use this technique in the class?

## 5. Pull together a course framework

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Perhaps you could pull together a whole suite of resources simply by scoping whats available on the internet, tagging with the curriculum course number and providing your students with the del.icio.us url in a communication tool such as Adobe Connect...del.icio.us providing the Learning Framework.

## 6. Your turn to add some websites

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Click the '**settings**' link and choose [private saving](#) turn on the option to save "not shared" bookmarks.

The 'TAG' ing process is repeated as you browse the internet and discover resources of interest for you, students or colleagues. Pick two websites that relate to your teaching and TAG appropriately.

NOTE: Click 'Do not share' should you not wish to make a certain link publicly available.

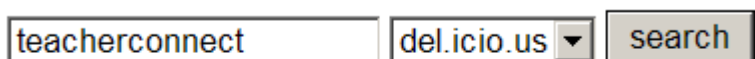
## 7. del.icio.us as a research and personal networking tool - 15 mins

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Del.icio.us is a social bookmarking website and as the word social suggests a great tool for sharing, collaborating and tracking what other people are looking at as we all browse the internet for the good stuff. Here's some ways you might use in your teaching.

### Co-research with colleagues and students

Go to the homepage <http://del.icio.us> and type in the TAG 'teacherconnect'. You'll get a list of resources.



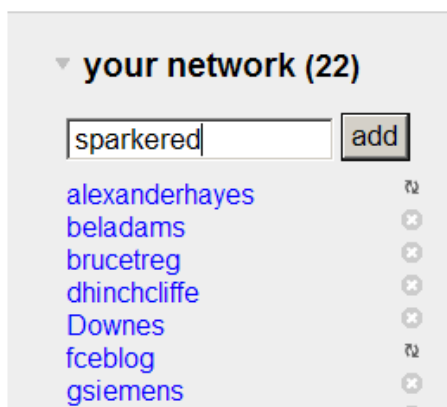
[login](#) | [register](#) | [help](#)

Perhaps you and your colleagues could discuss a common TAG for co-researching for example, 'teacherconnect' is a general TAG to pull together resources for all things elearning, similarly you may agree with your colleagues or even students to use a common TAG identifier for course tiles/ Unit names. Read this for more information <http://del.icio.us/help/search> .

## 8. Form a personal learning network

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Click on the **del.icio.us Square button** to go to your account. Click on the '**Your network**' link at the top



Notice the '**your network**' field, enter another del.icio.us user's name, the above example adds the user '**sparkered**'. View Steven Parker's network <http://del.icio.us/network/stevenraymondparker> . Notice sparkered and other network members. What this means is that Steven can keep in the loop of what his peers are looking at by reviewing the through constant stream of bookmarked links coming in from his network.

Try adding a user to your own personal learning network by typing in their del.icio.us username and then '**add**'.

Similarly click on the link **subscriptions at the top of your screen**, here you can track bookmarks with specific TAGS from specific users.

Read this for more information <http://del.icio.us/help/network>, <http://del.icio.us/help/subscriptions>

Can you see how your class or colleagues could benefit from this feature?

## **9. Where to next? Prove that delicious is portable**

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1. Team up with someone else in the group give them your account name and swap computers.
2. Log into del.icio.us
3. View your contact's favorites.
4. Save some of these favourites.
5. Explore other del.icio.us options from the help menu with your contact.
6. Log off from del.icio.us

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